

**2006 Annual Report from the European Region
To the IASI Annual Meeting
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From
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1.0 Seminar on Sports Information Network, Novi Sad, Serbia and Montenegro (SaM), 23-24 September 2005

Organizers

- . The Council of Europe, Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS)
- . Ministry of Education and Sports of SaM;
- . SaM Olympic Committee,
- . Autonomous Region of Vojvodina-Regional Office for Youth and Sport, Novi Sad

Participants

Senior officials, representatives from governmental and non-government sports organizations (National Olympic Committees) of the Sprint countries.

-> Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Ukraine.

Objectives

1. To assess the situation in the participating countries concerning existing sports information networks or services in the participating countries.
2. To share good practices and good ideas among the participating countries in the field of sports information systems in service to the non-governmental sports organizations as well as to the governmental sports organizations.
3. To demonstrate practical implementation of the Slovenian Sports Information System functioning as:
 - a) Service to the distribution of public funds through the Public Call for Tenders of the Ministry of Education and Sport beneficiary for the Slovenian sports movement.
 - b) Logistic and electronic support to the organization of Big International Sports Events to the National Olympic Committee (A Case of EYOF at Bled, Slovenia).
4. Installation and implementation of National Sports Networks and possible SEE Sports Information Network with the assistance of the Slovenian Sports Office and CoE.

Day 1. Friday 23 September 2005

Session 1. Introduction [to the objective and methods of the seminar](#)

Objective: It's a wish that at the end of the Seminar a Memorandum to be generated, with the force of the 16's Delegations of the Participating Countries, for being send to the European Union Commission in Bruxelles.

Background: Three Years ago (2002), in Beograd (Serbia and Montenegro), it was organized a similar Meeting with the purpose of implementing a Sport Information Regional Network in the East-Europe.

Scope of the Memorandum: To obtain financial support from Bruxelles for continuation of all possible approaches in the purpose of establishing a Sport Information Regional Network (SiRN)

Limitations / steps:

1. To knew "What do we want!" form SiRN.
2. To know what's "On the field" real situation!
3. To make a diagnose of the "On Field Photo of the Day" on Sport Information
4. To start to build a Regional Sport Information System.

Session 2. Round table on the situation of sports information in the participating countries and their expectations from the seminar,

Individual presentations of the Delegates (in order of intervention):

Romania: The on growing development of the Romanian's governmental and nongovernmental Sources of Sport Information located in the Internet (for the period 2000-2005) and the quantitative reduction of Sport Information published on Hardcopy.

Slovakia: Comparison between Slovakian System of Information and others National Systems acting in other Eastern European countries (they have a very good Full Text Data Base).

Albania: Presentation of the "Portali Kulture Sqiperi"

Armenia: Armenian's intentions for developing a National Sport Information System.

Azerbaijan: Sports Information it's not in the priorities of the Sports Ministry

Belarus: The increase of the International Relations of the Ministry of Sport, with the Propaganda objectives, by using ongoing and outgoing information. (No Sport Information System).

Bosnia & Herzegovina: Very close link and cooperation between the Vice minister for Sport and the President of The National Olympic Committee. (No Sport Information System).

Georgia: There its non Sports Information System, that for was decided the presence of a Delegation at the CDDS Seminar. The NOC or Sports Department does not have websites. Only a couple of Sports Federations use Internet as a source of information / way for communication. (No Sport Information System).

Hungary: The National Sports Office (Strategy Dep't.) intend to increase the presence of Hungarian sport dates and information on the net.

Russian Federation: The Sport Department uses multiple websites for presenting day by day sports activities in Russia and, especially, the activity of the Sport Ministry and the National Olympic Committee.

FYROM (Macedonia): The National Agency for Youth and Sport from Macedonia work hardly for international recognition of the identity of national sports in the context of being considerate as one of states from the "Former Republic of Yugoslavia". (No Sport Information System).

Croatia: The Ministry of Education has in its structure a Sports Department witch act in the interest of two sectors: Sport in School and Performance Sport

Ukraine: The Ministry of Youth and Sport conduct a Sports Network. In the previous three years the structure of Governmental Body for Sport was change for a couple of times: Authority for Tourism and Sport; State Secretariat for Tourism and Sport; ... s.o.

Serbia and Montenegro: The Ministry for Education and Sport, Sports Department deal with information together with NOC, Sports Federations and Sports Faculties, but not in terms of a common work into a Sport Information Network.

Slovenia: Presentation of the support and services to the Government and Sports Movement offered by the Sports Information Centre of Slovenia (SPiC).

Day 2. Saturday 24 September 2005

Session 3. Vice-president for Europe of IASI presentation (Dr. Andrei Teodorescu): [Presentation of IASI Rules; Statute; By-Low; Membership; Services; IASI-SIRC cooperation; IASI international relations; Projects & programs; IASI ListServ; World Directory of Sport Information Centres and Experts; Ad-hoc groups of work; Future intentions and activities; The \[www.iasi.org\]\(http://www.iasi.org\) web-site.](#)

Session 4. Slovenian presentation (Zoran Verovnik & Ervin Šrnel) -> Mainstreaming: [Partnership among Sports information Center, GO & NGO Sports Information Centre of Slovenia \(SPiC\) and its services and support to the Government and to the Sports Movement - with practical examples.](#)

SPiC Cases of Good Practice and practical presentation of different projects: Calendar of Events; Sports for All action "Let's Stir up our Lives"; Vocational Training and Qualification of Sports Experts; Categorization of Top Athletes.

THE NOVI SAD MEMORANDUM
SOUTH EASTERN AND EASTERN CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT of »Sports Information Network«

The participants of the Seminar – representatives of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Ukraine, Slovenia and Serbia and Montenegro, met in Novi Sad on 23 and 24 September 2005, attending the seminar organized by the Council of Europe and has agreed on the following:

1. The participants of the conference would first of all like to thank the Provincial Government of Vojvodina and the Government of the Republic of Serbia and Montenegro for the excellent organisation of the Regional Seminar on Sports Information Network” and the Committee for the Development of Sport (CDDS) of The Council of Europe for their material and financial support to the seminar.
2. The participants of the conference stressed once again the growing importance of sport in the modern sedentary life style, where sport would due to the modern technology become a physical need for every human being, and at the same time sport would continue to function as a tool for the development of democratic civil society. Therefore the participants underlined the importance of modern highly advanced Sport Information System based on information technology and the benefits it brings to sport at the level of international and national sport and state administration as well as to the promotion of the increased active sports participation.
3. The participants found out that countries of South-Eastern and Eastern – Central Europe share a lot of similarities and goals in the area of sports development based on sports information system and therefore agreed that development of an information system in sport should be among the priorities of the relevant sport authorities in their respective countries.
4. The participants shared the opinion that the sport information system in Slovenia could be used as a model for the development of similar systems in the participating countries respecting specificity of each country. It would be highly desirable if the sport information systems that are to be developed would be compatible and the data interchangeable.
5. Representatives of participating countries call upon the Council of Europe and the Commission of the European Union to support the development of compatible sport information systems in countries of south - Eastern and Eastern - Central Europe through their appropriate technology development programmes as one of the priorities for the development of democratic sport systems in these Regions.
6. The participants ask the countries, who expressed their interest in participating in the project of the creation and the development of sports information network at the national level as well as at the inter regional level of South - Eastern and Eastern - Central Europe, to give the mandate to partner experts from Slovenia to use the benefit of information provided by the participating states in order to create a common web page of the regions as a starting point of the setting up of a common Sports Information Network of the mentioned regions.
7. The participants furthermore ask the authorities of the participating countries to nominate a person responsible for sports information, to be a member of planning group that will keep close contact with the Network.
8. In order to establish a South-Eastern and Eastern-Central Sports information network the participants agreed that such a network shall be recognised internationally as **SEECSiN, i.e., sPORTS iNFORMATION nETWORK** of South Eastern and East-Central Regions.
9. The participants expressed their strong belief that the objectives of this memorandum are in line with the function of sport in contributing positive values to the development of the European community.

Novi Sad,
September 24, 2005



Austrian Presidency of European Union

2.0 EU Sport Directors' Meeting: 29./30.March 2006 at the Hofburg in Vienna

Organisers: Federal Chancellery of Austria. Sport Division

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 29 2006

Opening of the Sport Directors' Conference by Robert Pelousek, General Director of the Sport Division of the Federal Chancellery

Agenda item 1: Sport and Economic Aspects in Europe

Impulse statement by Dr. Christian Helmenstein, Executive Director of SportsEcon Austria

- ?? The macro-economic effects of sport
- ?? The effects of sport on employment
- ?? The economic effects of large sport events
- ?? Sport and tourism

Impulse statement by Dr. Anna Kleissner, Senior Researcher SportsEcon Austria

- ?? Sport and health
- ?? Sport and aging

Presentation of the satellite account by SportsEcon Austria

Thursday, March 30 2006:

Agenda item 2: Sport and Development Policies

- ?? How can sport promote national and international development targets?

Agenda item 3: Anti-Doping

- ?? The ratification process of the UNESCO Anti-Doping Convention and necessary amendments
- ?? EU activities in the area of nutritional supplements
- ?? National representation in WADA organs (WADA Appointment Process)

Agenda item 4: Implementation of the European Study "Education of high-level athletes"

Agenda item 5: Gambling Monopoly and Sport

Impulse statement by Professor Dr. Bernhard Felderer, Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies

- ?? The importance of earmarked lottery funds for sport

Agenda item 6: Other European key topics presented by the European Commission

- ?? Reflection on the role of sport in Europe
- ?? Sport and education (follow up-EYES 2004, study on training and education centres)
- ?? Update on the current developments on a European level

Agenda item 7: Presentation of the focuses of the upcoming Finnish EU-Presidency

Agenda item 8: Conclusions of the Austrian EU-Presidency

List of Participants : Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria (observatory state), Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Great Britain, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania (observatory state), Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Eu Commission, Europarat / Council of Europe

3.0 International Seminar on Information Systems in Sport.

The National Sport Center from Slovakia invites the Vice-president for Europe of IASI, for a lecture at the International Seminar on Sport Information.

**International Seminar of the National Sport Center (NSC)
Bratislava, Slovakia, 11th May 2006
*Information Systems in Sport.***

Dear Dr. Teodorescu,

We have pleasure in inviting you to take part as the main lecturer in the above-mentioned seminar, which will be held in **Bratislava, Slovakia, 11th May 2006.**

The aim of the Seminar is to commence with the topic of Information Systems in Sport in the educational activities of the National Sport Center in Slovakia, assess the situation in the participating countries concerning the existing educational activities and share good practices among the participants in this particular area.

Participants from Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, and Slovakia were invited. Working languages of the seminar are English and Slovak, the simultaneous English – Slovak translation will be provided.

Seminar is addressed for high level managers in the sports environment, presidents, secretaries general, officials of sports federations and sport clubs, governmental and non governmental institutions employees, universities and sport schools pedagogues, coaches and athletes interested in the subject.

„INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN SPORT“

Place: Congress hall, Dom sportu, Junacka 6, Bratislava, Slovakia

Date: 11th May 2006

Program:

10:00 – 11:00

Information System in Slovakia, General Principles

Julian Vojtech, Head of NSC IT Department, Slovakia

11:00 – 11:30

IASI – International Association of Sport Information Systems

Andrei Teodorescu, IASI Vice President for Europe, Romania

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00

Information System in Slovenia – Case Study

Ervin Sramel, Information Sport Office, Slovenia